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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND**  
**CONFIRMATION OF INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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**Comments on Reasons for Allowance**

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-8, 15, 18-21, 23-26 and 28 in the subject application by the Examiner. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that claims 1-8, 15, 18-21, 23-26 and 28 are patentable over the references in the record.

However, the Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any statement is intended to or has the intended or

unintended effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended to or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated. The Applicant specifically does not acquiesce or agree in any manner as to any assertion in Examiner's statements that may be interpreted to narrow the claims to less than their recited scope.

More specifically, Applicant does not acquiesce in any reasons for allowance which rely solely upon any singled-out limitations from any of the enumerated claims. Even though these singled-out limitations may provide distinctiveness over the art of record, and indeed even if these may provide patentability, Applicant does not acquiesce in any requirement or interpretation that these may provide the reasons, particularly not the sole reasons, for patentability over the art. Rather, Applicant reserves the right to maintain patentability based upon any of the Examiner's singled-out limitations as well as or alternatively upon other limitations or combinations of limitations not described in the Reasons for Allowance or upon any combination thereof as explicitly or implicitly occurring in any of Applicant's claims.

Moreover, Applicant does not acquiesce in nor necessarily agree with any statements purporting to identify the closest prior art. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to contest any such determination at a later and more appropriate time.

#### Interview Summary

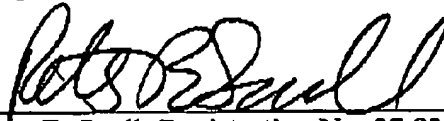
Applicant hereby acknowledges the Examiner's Summary of the Telephonic Interview of July 1, 2005. The subject matter discussed was indeed the changing of the applied reference of Chang et al (US Patent No. 6,728,414) to Smith (US Patent No. 5,454,051), as well as the changing of the application of Fairhurst (US Patent No. 5,097,322) further in view of Smith (U.S. Patent No. 5,454,051).

Also agreed upon was the canceling of claim 9 by Examiner's Amendment.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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